

Lament for Orlando  
for baritone voice and piano quartet

4 minutes

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Text from the Book of Jeremiah (NRSV)

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Program Note:

This brief work was written in the days following the mass shooting at the Pulse nightclub in Orlando, Florida, in June 2016. It is dedicated to all victims of violence, especially those who experience persecution and marginalization.

Text:

A voice is heard in Ramah,  
lamentation and bitter weeping.  
Rachel is weeping for her children;  
she refuses to be comforted for her children,  
because they are no more. (Jeremiah 31:15)